could also be considered by the State Governments as per the local situations prevailing in those States.

Modernisation of CRPF

2574. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Reserve Police Force is going to be modernised in pursuance of the recommendations of the Group of Ministers constituted after Kargil war;

(b) if so, the modern weaponry that the force is going to be required;

(c) the number of battalions to be increased; and

(d) the total expenditure involved for this entire modernisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the Modernisation Plan, CRPF have identified state-of-the-art modern weaponry best suited for performing internal security duties.

(c) It has been planned to raise additional 64 Battalions (including 7 Group Centres) and 121 Companies of CRPF over a period of 5 years.

(d) The expenditure involved for (b) and (c) above is as under:—

(i) Modern weaponry	—	Rs. 314.10 crore
(ii) Additional raising	—	Rs. 2351.55 crore